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Attachment 1
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FY 75 KIQ STRATEGY REPORT

KIQ 12: *What is the intended size, role and armament of the BACKFIRE force?*

I. COMMUNITY STRATEGY FOR COLLECTION AND PRODUCTION

A. The following data on the deployment and operation of the BACKFIRE weapon system will be emphasized in collection activities: units and bases of LRA and SNA to which assigned; the

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B. The following data on the test and evaluation of BACKFIRE are needed: performance and characteristics of the airframe; weapon subsystems used by BACKFIRE; operational profiles and integrated system capabilities; and production of variants.

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C. Data are also needed on:

-- Soviet participation and efforts in international competition for aeronautical records and air shows.

-- Improvements and deployment of tanker forces.

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-- Soviet government discussions and decisions on strategic systems. This includes SALT, sales and purchase agreements of related equipment to other countries, development of technology, and international conferences.

D. The following steps will be taken to improve performance on this KIQ:

-- Priority processing will be given to ensure effective exploitation and dissemination to decision makers of current intelligence.

-- Collection efforts will be reviewed and updated collection efforts, and techniques improved. Priorities will be reviewed to eliminate deficiencies and redundancy.

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-- Documents that provide estimates, appraisals, projections, assessments of capabilities and threat, and order-of-battle will be produced. These documents will be provided the user at the lowest classification feasible.

-- Communication and coordination among collectors and analysts will be improved.

II. COMMUNITY PLANS AND PROGRAMS

A. Collection.

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2. DIA will direct resources of the services so that expertise is provided at appropriate events that present favorable collection opportunities.

3. As the BACKFIRE bomber is gradually integrated into operational units of Soviet Long Range Aviation (LRA) and Soviet Naval Aviation (SNA), [redacted]

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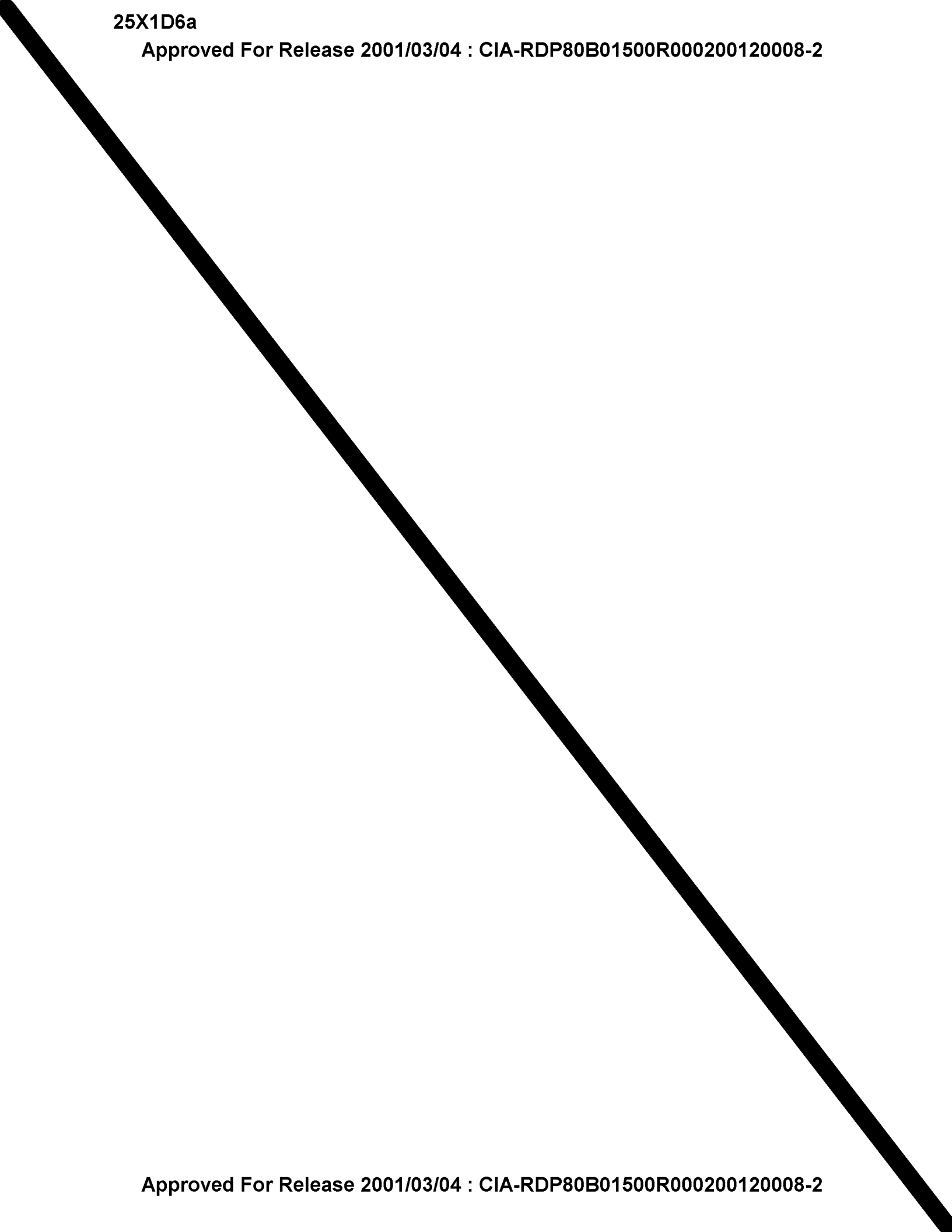

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4. CIA will update the IPC and CIRL to ensure specific statement of requirements and focus available assets toward acquiring information to satisfy this question.

5. State will arrange for posts and arrange meetings and transportation for individuals concerned.

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B. Production.

1. DIA will produce finished intelligence such as, technical studies, projections, force estimates and order-of-battle and will update techniques for assessment of technical capabilities.

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3. CIA will review information collected and will produce intelligence memos and other documents relating to this question.

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